

Weekly Views

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"Effective leadership is putting first things first. Effective management is discipline, carrying it out." ~ Stephen Covey

Friday, January 9, 2009

This week, Mia Kelsaw was promoted to District Supervisor of the Fort Wayne Parole District #2 office. Ms. Kelsaw began employment with the Department of Correction as a Parole Agent in 2001. Congratulations!

The first ever Winter Trimester Celebration took place at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility. This special recognition was for the 14 students who earned a behavior average of 4.5 or higher 6 out of the last 8 weeks. The students were able to decorate gingerbread men and eat them as part of their reward for positive behavior.

Henryville Correctional Facility recently helped the Scott County Clearinghouse with donations from a facility food drive, monetary donations, and labor from the offenders.

During December, 26 wheelchairs were refurbished in the Pendleton Correctional Facility's "Wheels for the World" Program. A total of 299 wheelchairs were restored during 2008.

The Indianapolis Parole District #3 office relocated to 6075 Lakeside Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46278, and is sharing space with PEN Products. The new telephone number is (317) 216-2200, and the fax number is (317) 216-2208.

Pendleton Correctional Facility Correctional Officer Eric Hammond was the recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Teamwork Award in recognition of his contributions to the Facility's K-9 Unit.

The Reception-Diagnostic Center recently ended a "Mitten Tree" drive. Staff donated 79 pairs of gloves, 36 winter hats, and 16 scarves, which will go to Mill Creek East Elementary School in Hendricks County.

South Bend Community Re-Entry Center and Parole District #8 completed a food drive for the holiday season of 2008. Over 500 lbs. of goods were delivered to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana in South Bend.

38 bicycles were reconditioned in the Pendleton Correctional Facility "Shifting Gears" Operation during December. A total of 878 bicycles were refurbished during 2008.

As part of a number of activities planned to give back to the community, Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility students involved with Youth-as-Resources planned a blood drive in which 42 facility staff members were able to donate. Donors were treated to a steak dinner, which was provided by Outback Steakhouse.

50 Wabash Valley Correctional Facility CLIFF participants proudly took part in graduation ceremonies and were determined to remain meth-free upon release. Family members joined in the celebration. 615 offenders have completed CLIFF since its start at Wabash Valley in June 2005.

Pendleton Correctional Facility is the recipient of a \$74,159 grant from the Indiana Department of Work Force Development. The grant will be utilized to purchase equipment for the facility's Barber Program, Auto Body Program, and Graphics Communication Program.

Westville Correctional Facility's Therapeutic Community Creative Energy group presented their annual Talent Show. TC offenders and staff staged a variety of music and dance numbers. The facility's auditorium was filled to capacity. The Creative Energy group provides ideas for alternative activities to drugs, alcohol or criminal behavior.

Miami Correctional Facility successfully completed its annual facility audit by the Program Review Division. MCF passed the audit with a 100% of the Mandatory standards and a 98.9% on the remaining standards. This is the highest score the facility can achieve because there are 5 standards that the facility cannot pass because of the way it is constructed.

Pendleton Correctional Facility off-grounds work crews logged 3,037 hours during December. During 2008, crews from the facility provided a total of 40,358 hours of service to the community.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner